



***Nurturing Faith . . .
Every Day in Every Way***

June 6, 2021

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 5:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-25

Helooooo friends! Here's a few quick questions for you. Do you think a car can get very far if it runs out of gas? NO!! Can we get our lamp to work without a lightbulb? NO!!! Is it really a bubble bath if we don't have any bubbles (and a rubber ducky?!) NO! In order for us to get our car, our lamp, or our bath to work well, we need the extra thing(s) to help it to work better, right?

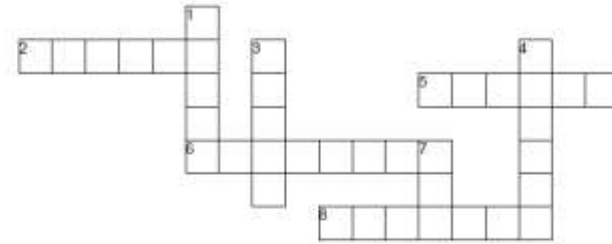
In our Gospel lesson from Mark this morning, we hear about people not working together very well. It was really crowded and people were saying some pretty mean things about Jesus...and then his mother and brothers tried to keep Jesus from doing his work! It was loud, noisy, and very chaotic. Jesus tells the crowd that a house divided against itself cannot stand, which is why Jesus tells them that they should listen to and follow the Holy Spirit.

Just like our car, lamp, and bath need other things to make them work well, we need God's Spirit in our lives to show us how to work well with each other. Jesus also says that whoever follows God is his family (his brothers, sisters, and mother). We call this great big family The Church. This is YOUR family, too! We are all related by the love of God through Jesus Christ and we remain a family by working together thanks to the Holy Spirit. When we all work together and follow Jesus' example, amazing things can happen!

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Prayer: Loving God, we thank you for your son Jesus who shows us how to be a family by working together in love and action. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. A woman who has given birth to a child
- 5. Parents and children; people descended from a common ancestor
- 6. A follower of Jesus
- 8. A male with the same parents as another person

DOWN

- 1. A large number people gathered together
- 3. A dwelling that serves as living quarters for one or more families
- 4. A female with the same parents as another person
- 7. To take in food

EAT	SISTER	CROWD	BROTHER
FAMILY	HOUSE	DISCIPLE	MOTHER

Activity: How much do you know about your family background? This week, interview your grown-ups to see what it was like for them growing up. Have them tell stories to you about their siblings, aunts, uncles, and parents.

Discussion Question: What does "family" mean to you? Do you have people that are not related to you that you consider to be like family?

June Table Prayer: In your love, we dance and sing. We twirl and spin in the colors you bring. Thank you, God, for Summer and fun, and for the love of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

June Memory Verse: Psalm 86:7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

Jesus Loves You

